

## Needs Assessment Questions

**1. What data already exists regarding the school community?** (e.g. health outcomes, education outcomes, demographics)

Some sources for information:

- Youth Risk Behavior Survey (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)  
website: [www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/yrbs/survey99.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/yrbs/survey99.htm)
- Adolescent Substance Abuse Survey (school district office)
- School Accountability for Learning and Teaching (school district office)  
website: [www.infoworks.ride.uri.edu/](http://www.infoworks.ride.uri.edu/)
- Adult health outcomes (e.g. incidence of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, etc.)
- Teenage pregnancy and STD data (Maternal and Child Health data by town/city, Department of Health Division of Disease Prevention and Control)
- Kids Count Factbook

**2. What additional information is needed?**

- Do adolescents in our school lack health care?
- If yes, to what extent do adolescents in our school lack health care?
- Do students in our school have access to health care?
- If no, what are the barriers?
- Insurance status of students
- Extent of school, community and parental support.
- School and community readiness for a SBHC. (If we build it will they come?)
- Ability to meet SBHC Guideline requirements.

**3. What is the best method of collecting that data?**

- Tools: surveys, focus groups, and interviews conducted with students, community, school personnel and parents
- School nurses log: types of visits

**4. What are the existing services and programs?**

- Are there gaps in services?

**5. What services need to be provided to address the gaps?**

**6. What resources are available to meet these needs?** (e.g. program expansion, modify roles of partners, identify new partners, etc.)

- 7. Will you need additional funding to meet these needs?**
- 8. Is there a plan for initial and future funding? What is it?**
- 9. Are there existing partnerships in place?** (Businesses, agencies, organizations, etc.)
- 10. Are there other partners you would like to engage?**  
- If yes, who?
- 11. Is the current planning group reflective of the community?**
- 12. Who are the key persons that need to be involved in program planning and who need to be involved in program implementation?** (e.g. principal, school committee, parents, etc.)
- 13. At this point do you still feel a school based health center is the best means to meet your students health needs?**
- 14. Has adequate space been identified for the center?**
- 15. Are there any concerns with that space? If so, what are they?**
- 16. Has a state-licensed health facility been identified to provide care?** (e.g. hospital or community health center)
- 17. How are your planning efforts linked to the School Improvement Team and components of your Comprehensive School Health Program?**
- 18. Describe any current problems or issues you are facing.**
- 19. Describe any technical support you would like from the Department of Health.**
- 20. Are there other ways you would like the Department of Health to assist your efforts.**